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Cumberland and Pennsylvania (C & P) Railroad Tunnel

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Cumberland and Pennsylvania Tunnel
Frostburg

1857

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Cumberland & Pennsylvania Tunnel

AND/OR COMMON

C. & P. Tunnel ; Railroad Tunnel

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Extends North and South Under Frostburg :

South Terminus at Bowery St. Bridge; extending North to Depot Street at Hotel

CITY, TOWN

Frostburg

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☐ BUILDING(S)
☒ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED
☒ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☐ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☒ NO

No longer used

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE
☐ COMMERICAL
☐ EDUCATIONAL
☐ ENTERTAINMENT
☐ GOVERNMENT
☐ INDUSTRIAL
☐ MILITARY
☐ MUSEUM
☐ PARK
☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Western Maryland Railway Company

Telephone #: 724-3000

From Cumberland

Extension To Balt.

STREET & NUMBER

2 North Charles Street

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

☐ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21532

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Cumberland & Pennsylvania Tunnel is located under Frostburg, Allegany County. The northern terminus begins approximately at the site of the Depot Hotel, 20 Depot Street, and extends South to Center Street which is the southern terminus near the Bowery Street bridge.

The tunnel is a semicircular arched opening that is constructed throughout in American Common bond brick and surfaced with unsmoothed cement. The tunnel is no longer in use; the tracks have been removed and "No Trespassing" signs have been posted which restricts investigation.

The tunnel is rapidly deteriorating but still retains much of its original appearance.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

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<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1857

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The C & P Tunnel was built in 1857 as a connecting underground route through Frostburg. The route connected the former divisions, the "Mt. Savage & Cumberland," and the "Georges Creek Coal & Iron Company" railroads between the points from Cumberland to Piedmont. Later, in 1864 the two railroads united to form the "Cumberland & Pennsylvania Railroad," still connecting the same two points.

The tunnel was a major engineering accomplishment in 1857, and served as an important link for hauling bulk loads of coal and transportation for some passengers. The tunnel is in deteriorated condition, however, its role as a connection point of railroads, which was the major mode of transportation in Western Maryland during this time period, certainly makes it significant historically. The possible restoration of this site would certainly enhance the cultural and architectural heritage of Frostburg.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Extends North and South under Frostburg

The Southern terminus of the tunnel begins off Bowery Street near the present site of the Bowery Bridge and extends under Frostburg to Depot Street near the hotel, presently the Wright property, the Northern terminus.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

John E. Nelson, Program Coordinator of All. Co. Historic Sites

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

5/21/76

STREET & NUMBER

10 Park Lane

TELEPHONE

689-8486

CITY OR TOWN

Frostburg

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

INVENTORY NO. A1-VII-A035

DATE: 5/17/76

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor - None - No longer in use

NAME OF PROPERTY: Cumberland + Pennsylvania Tunnel

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: North End Terminus at Depot St., at Hotel, extends South to Bowen St. Bridge

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: Extends North + South Under Frostburg

NAME OF OWNER: Western Maryland Railway Company

ADDRESS: 2 North Charles Street

Baltimore, Maryland 21201 ⁷²⁴⁻³⁰⁰⁰ Extension to - Balt.

STORIES: 1() 2() 3() 4() 5() 6() BAYS: 1() 2() 3() 4() 5() 6() 7() ()

WINGS, ADDITIONS:

Dwelling Shape: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- () FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
- () BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
- () STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
- () LOG
- () Other: Coverings

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS _____

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE

WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1() 2/2() 6/6() 9/6() 9/9() other()
pegged () nailed () wide () narrow () mitred () pediment ()

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: _____

HARDWARE: original() replaced()

PAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN

Paneled, Verticle, Horizontal Boards

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)

original() replaced() Rafter Ends, Modillions, Dentils, Frieze,

Architrave

ROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, SHED, MANSARD, GAMBREL, FLAT, FORMERS #

MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original() replaced()

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed() hip() gable()

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER _____ BRICK() STONE() CORBELLED() original() replaced()

LOCATION: Flush end() Inside end() Outside end() Central() Interior()

ARCHES: Door and window: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

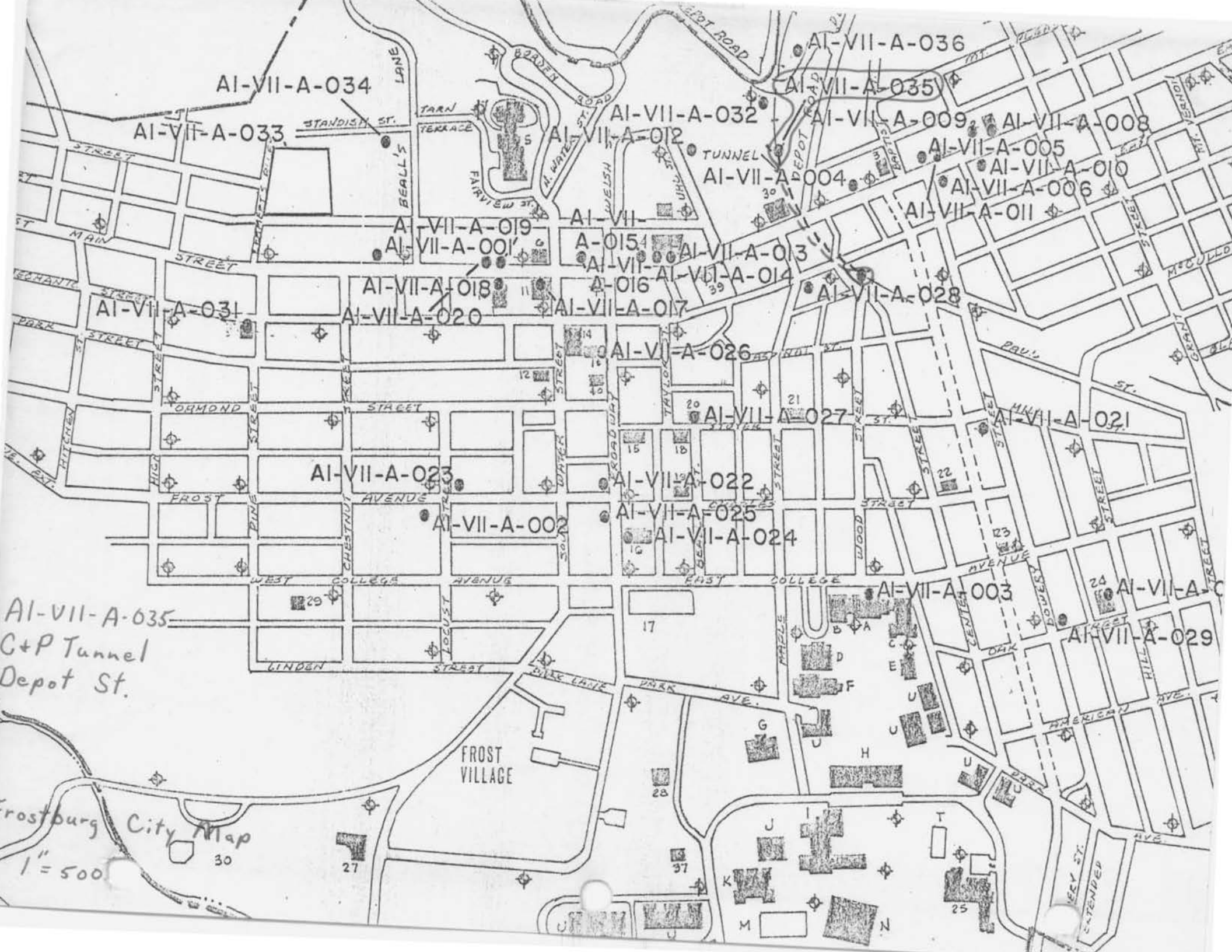
COMMENTS:

Use - To Connect Mt. Savage + Cumberland Railroad - to - Georges Creek Coal + Iron Co. R.R.

Significance - Transportation - Arch

Date Constructed - 1857

Condition - Deteriorated



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C+P Tunnel

Depot St.

Frostburg City Map

1" = 500

FROST VILLAGE



C + P Tunnel

AT VII-A-035

Depot St - 70 - Center St.

Frostburg

John E. Nelson

5/20/76

South